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TAGS: APER, WFP, AORG
SUBJECT: WFP PERSONNEL

REFS: A) STATE 304213; B) STATE 308239

1. RESUMES HANDCARRIED TO ROME OVER WEEKEND PERSONNALLY
DELIVERED TO VOGEL MONDAY JANUARY NINE. BOGEL LATER TELEPHONED
FODAG EXPRESSING STRONG INTEREST IN CASHIN AND DAVIS AND REQUESTED
INTERVIEWS IN ROME WITH CASHIN (FEBRUARY 10) AND WITH DAVIS
(FEBRUARY 13). (REASON FOR DELAYING INTERVIEWS IS THAT VOGEL
WISHES FAO/DG ALSO TO MEET CASHIN AND DAVIS AND BOTH DG AND VOGEL
IN TRAVEL STATUS UNTIL EARLY FEBRUARY.)

2. REQUEST WASHINGTON CONTACT CASHIN AND DAVIS TO DETERMINE
WHETHER EACH COULD TRAVEL TO ROME FOR INTERVIEWS. WE WOULD EXPECT
EACH WOULD SPEND SEVERAL DAYS IN ROME FOR INTERVIEWS WITH VOGEL
AND SAOUMA. ADVISE.

3. WHEN FRALEIGH INFORMED US OF PLANNED VOGEL MID-FEBRUARY
VISIT TO WASHINGTON, HE DID NOT MENTION THAT VOGEL PLANNED
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ANY TALKS WITH EXECUTIVE BRANCH OR ANY PERSONNEL INTERVIEWS.
HOWEVER, TRIP AFFORDS US OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW WITH HIM WHERE
WE STAND ON VARIOUS WFP POSITIONS AND WHAT OUR EXPECTATIONS ARE.
AT PRESENT, WE SEE EXISTING AND POSSIBLE FUTURE PERSONNEL
OPENINGS OF INTEREST TO US AS FOLLOWS:

POSITION	STATUS OR DATE
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TO BE VACATED INCUMBENT

1. DEPUTY EXEC. DIR. SEPT. 1978 USTUN
2. CHIEF, PROJ. MANAGE. DIV. VACANT LUHE (ACTING)
3. DEPUTY, PROJ. MANAGE. DIV. VACANT CUOMO (ACTING)
(THIS IS ONE OF TWO DEPUTY
SLOTS IN THIS DIVISION. LUHE
IS OTHER DEPUTY.)
4. CHIEF, RESOURCES VACANT SINTOBIN(ACTING)
5. DEPUTY, RESOURCES VACANT SINTOBIN(ACTING)
6. DEPUTY, EXTERNAL RELATIONS# VACANT NO ONE
7. INSPECTION SOMETIME 1978 AHMED
8. CHIEF, EAST AFRICA BRANCH JUNE 1978 CUOMO
9. CHIEF, WEST AFRICA BRANCH SPRING 1978 BETHKE

FOR DESCRIPTION OF THIS NEW POSITION SEE DOCUMENTATION FROM
MOST RECENT CFA MEETING, DOCUMENT WFP/CFA:4/18, PAGES 10 AND 11.
FYI: ABOVE EXPECTED DEPARTURES DATES OF INCUMBENTS ARE NEITHER
OFFICIAL NOR PUBLIC AND SHOULD BE CLOSELY HELD.

4. RE CANDIDATE ANN FITZCHARLES, BELIEVE ONE OF THE BRANCH
CHIEFS SLOTS (8 AND 9 ABOVE) WOULD BE GOOD POSSIBILITY, PERHAPS
EA RATHER THAN WA (WHERE FRENCH WOULD PROBABLY BE REQUIRED).
UNDERSTAND THAT KNOWLEDGE OF FRENCH WOULD ALSO BE NECESSARY IN
DEPUTY EXTERNAL RELATIONS SLOT.

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5. COMMENT: OF ABOVE-MENTIONED 9 SLOTS, BELIEVE OUR CHANCES OF
GETTING 1,4, AND 5 ARE POOR. A SYRIAN CANDIDATE IS RUMORED FOR
4 AND SINTOBIN (WHO HAS WORKED EFFECTIVELY WITH US) FOR 5.
THEREFORE, WE SHOULD FOCUS ON 2 AND 6, WITH CASHIN PERHAPS OUR
STRONGEST CANDIDATE FOR 2 AND DAVIS PERHAPS FOR 6 IF HE IS INTER-
ESTED AND DOES NOT GET 2. IF FITZCHARLES INTEREST IN 8, WE
SHOULD PRESS FOR THAT IN ANTICIPATION CUOMO RETIREMENT PERHAPS
REINFORCING THIS EFFORT WITH SIMULTANEOUS
BID WITH GOOD CANDIDATE FOR 9, POSSIBLY SOME AMERICANS ALREADY
ON WFP/ROME STAFF. SINCE FUNCTION OF 7 IS A PRIMARY U.S. INTEREST
IN WFP, IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO MENTION OUR EVENTUAL INTEREST IN
THIS POSITION POINTING OUT THAT HAVING A U.S. INCUMBENT COULD
HELP HIM DEAL WITH CONCERNS RE PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION WHICH
CONTRIBUTE TO OUR HESITENCY TO INCREASE OUR PLEDGE. IF THERE ARE
GOOD POTENTIAL CANDIDATES FOR 6, 7 AND 9 AVAILABLE IN WASHINGTON
DURING VOGEL VISIT, IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO ARRANGE THEIR
INTRODUCTION TO VOGEL, IF APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY OCCURS.GARDNER

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